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Homes burglaries continue in county

Two burglaries of homes were reported by the Colorado County Sheriff's Department last week.

On Tuesday, Aug. 17, a break in was reported at a home on U.S. 90, 1-1/2 miles east of FM 949. Chief Deputy Alton Adcock arrived at 10:18 a.m. to observe a white van backed up to the garage. An Hispanic male, taking a radio out of the garage to the van, saw the deputy and ran into the house.

Adcock called for assistance and backup to the burglary in progress. DPS Trooper Don Stavinoha and Lt. R.H. Wied arrived at 10:31, and observed an open window with the screen out on the south side of the house. Officers learned that a passing motorist had seen four males run from the residence and across the yard to IH-10 a few minutes earlier.

DPS troopers in the area were alerted. Deputies Troy Neisner and Gary Stavinoha arrived and began searching on Old Eagle Lake Road. They apprehended the four suspects and arrested them. Luis Arroyo, Juan Hernandez, Luis Gonzalez Olivares and Andres Perras Gonzalez, all of Houston, were charged with burglary of a habitation and placed in the county jail.

A second burglary occurred Sunday, Aug. 22, on County Road 79 and was reported at 8:38 a.m. Deputy D.C. Peikert was dispatched to the home where he was told the residents had left the day before, Aug. 21, around 9:15 a.m. and returned at 1 a.m. Sunday morning. The daughter noticed a drill out in the yard. After investigating, the complainants discovered they had been burglarized.

The only area broken into was the garage. Taken were electric Lawn Boy mower, Puma air compressor, three electric weed eaters, a gas weed eater, McCulloch gas power blower, Black & Decker Skill Saw, electric hedge trimmer, toolbox with tools. The case is being investigated.

Other calls handled by the sheriff's department are the following:

Monday, Aug. 16 at 10 a.m., Lt. Wied investigated a forgery at Hickory Hill Drive in east of Columbus.

Tuesday, Aug. 17, at 4 p.m. Deputy Neisner investigated a theft of service at Augies Diamond Shamrock on Hwy 90.

At 5:29 p.m. Sgt. Bill Lattimore investigated an incident at the Conoco

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Booth Drive as well as some prominent citizens.

With this ordinance in effect, it will no longer take a signed complaint from a property or business owner in order for the police to request a person leave the premises or be arrested. (The ordinance is published in its entirety on Page 11 of this issue.)

Council and those citizens who have voiced their opinion of the situation in our city felt strongly that it is time to join together to do something about the crime problem.

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County to institute water testing

Special to The Headlight
By Rhonda Lattimore
Banner Press Staff

Colorado County Commissioners' Court approved a countywide water testing program sponsored by the Agriculture Extension Office at Monday morning's meeting.

Rick Jahn addressed the Court and explained a need he felt existed in offering quality water testing for rural residents of the county.

"It is important to know the quality of the water in the county. The testing will help individuals and create some type of baseline as to what our water situation is," said Jahn.

Testing will be done by both the Texas Department of Health (TDH) and Texas A&M University. Water will be tested for nitrates, cold forms and ecoli bacteria as well as other types of micro nutrients.

Jahn said a minimal cost will be charged to the individuals requesting the tests... anywhere from \$2.50 to \$25 for various tests.

An educational meeting has been held on Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Columbus High School Cafeteria. Information regarding the tests, types of tests available and water testing packets will be available at that time. Bottles and kits will also be available

at various businesses throughout the county following the meeting.

Jahn stressed the need to follow the directions that will accompany bottles and kits when collecting water samples.

"It is very important to follow the directions very closely. Any wrong step may change the results of the tests. We will set up collection sites on a certain day and all samples must be brought in then since testing in Austin (at the TDH) needs to be done within 30 hours after collecting the water," Jahn said.

"Fayette County recently conducted a similar program and discovered some high levels of nitrates in some areas of the county. We need to watch this closely since the nitrates can interfere with oxygen absorption in the blood stream and cause problems for children and pregnant women.

"This testing will cost the participants a little, but it will be money well spent," said Jahn.

The Court agreed to pay for some 600 bottles for the program at a cost of about 50¢ each.

In other business, the Court:

- Accepted the resignation of extension officer secretary Sharon K.

Ross and agreed to advertise to fill the position, changing the job description to secretary 4-H coordinator.

Approved a request by Boy Scout Troop No. 334 of Eagle Lake for the closure of County Road 207 for three hours on Saturday, Sept. 25, for Safe Bicycle Races;

Approved the closure of about one-half mile of County Road 16A in Precinct 4 during the construction of Draw Creek Bridge. Property owners in the area will have access to property entrances;

Approved appointments of all presiding and alternate judges and clerks for elections in the county; and

Approved a prisoner custody agreement with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Pardons and Paroles Division which allows all "blue warrant" prisoners to be moved to a state facility as soon as possible after being picked up on parole violations in Colorado County.

Police

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that unknown subjects had entered the building by breaking a back window. Inside, they had totally ransacked the building, throwing paint on floors, walls and ceiling. Several footprints and fingerprints were lifted from the scene.

On Monday, Aug. 23, Sgt. Johnson received information of two juvenile suspects in the Head Start case. The two suspects, with their parents, were transported to the police station where they met with the juvenile officer and Justice of the Peace Mary Lou Szymanski. Voluntary statements were obtained from both suspects and they were released to their parents.

At 5:55 p.m. Aug. 23, Officer Reeves placed Gilbert Ruiz under arrest for outstanding warrants and resisting arrest. He was processed and taken to county jail.

A complainant reported a burglary of a vehicle to Officer Reeves. The complainant reported her vehicle was parked at a residence on Razer St. when the incident occurred Aug. 22. A lady's purse and wallet were taken from the vehicle. The case is under investigation.

and Tom Reed; make-up, Liz Jackson; and Christmas parade, Janet Dupre.

Deborah Reed, director, asks everyone to help support our young people and get involved.

County Road 106 closed for resurfacing

Thursday, Aug. 26, resurfacing is to begin on eight and a half mile stretch of County Road 106. Colorado County Precinct 1 has scheduled the resurfacing from five miles south of IH-10 to one mile north of Rock Island. The road will be closed to through traffic starting at 8 a.m. Work should be completed by the end of the day.

To begin again Sunday...

Pied Piper lures PJs

The Prairie Edge Juniors theater group for children will begin the fall term on Sunday, Aug. 29, at 3 p.m. at the Prairie Edge Museum in Eagle Lake.

The play selected for production this year is "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" to be performed Dec. 3-5. All children ages five through 15 are encouraged to join the PJs for their fall activities. Not only are they learning acting but also the other aspects of production.

Adults are also needed to help with different projects. A series of work groups have been organized to help support the PJs activities. "Anyone who can help in any of these is encouraged to come help," said Deborah Reed, organizer and producer of the PJs. To volunteer, contact her at 234-2601 or come to the first meeting this Sunday.

The groups and their chairmen are: membership, Susan Hadley, Mary Crystal and Lidia Contreras; publicity, Sandra Young; treasurer, Beth Waddell; fund raising, Sherry Thomas and Mary Kay Cook; field trip, Sharon Webb; sets, Marsha Cunningham and Maria Hernandez; props, Susan Engstrom and Sheri Hoffman; sound, Georgia Michalka; and costumes, Olivia Maxie, Maria Hernandez, Mrs. Lopez, Carolyn Burrow and Carmen Nunez.

Other groups are: programs, Robin Clippson; front of house, Helen Craig and Sharon Webb; seating/cleanup, Helen Craig, Claudia Mann

Did You Know...
The world's largest park is the Wood Buffalo National Park in Alberta Canada. It has an area of 11,772,000 acres.

The board set a public hearing for Thursday, Sept. 2, at 7:30 p.m. to allow taxpayers the chance to participate in discussing the proposed tax increase with the board of trustees.

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Pinworms Are Not Chooosy: They Can Affect Anyone

Many worm infestations tend to affect persons who live in rural or poverty-stricken areas. But not the pinworm. Pinworms can affect or infect anyone. And as many as 40 million Americans will have pinworms each year. School-age children often bring this tiny intestinal worm home to other children and adults who live in the household. Severe itching around the anus — especially at night — is the most common symptom.

Pinworm prevention sometimes can be achieved when children sleep in separate beds, and everyone in the home washes hands before placing them in or near mouths. However, pinworms have been known to be transmitted on cups, toothpaste, and doorknobs. Using the same bathroom as a person with pinworms can, according to a recent issue of U.S. Pharmacist, cause pinworm egg transfer.

A single dose of nonprescription medicines that contain pyrantel pamoate can eradicate pinworms from the intestinal tract. All of the persons in a home usually are candidates for treatment because infection could be present without symptoms. A repeat dose of the medicine after a few days sometimes is recommended. For additional information on product selection and use, talk with your pharmacist.

Crime Stoppers will pay 'Quick \$100'

Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers will pay a "Quick \$100.00" to any person who will provide information which will lead to the arrest of any person or persons in possession of or selling drugs.

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Eagle Lake Headlight

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Local company wins prestigious national award

Pioneer Concrete of Texas, a subsidiary of Pioneer International Limited, has earned The Sentinels of Safety Award in dredge mining at its Blue Roan Bend Plant near Garwood.

The award is one of only eight presented annually throughout the U.S. The Sentinels of Safety Award is co-sponsored by the American Mining Congress and MSHA. It was conceived in 1923 by Herbert Hoover when he was Secretary of Commerce.

In 1991, the award was expanded to include all mining methods by adding two categories for sand and gravel operations.

To be considered for the award, a mine must log a minimum of 30,000 employee hours without a single lost-time injury. Any injury that prevents a worker from doing his or her job in a normal capacity is considered a lost-time accident.

Pioneer's Blue Roan Bend plant began operations in 1971 under the direction of Lone Star Industries Inc. It was purchased by Pioneer in 1985. Pioneer Concrete has four aggregate production facilities in Colorado County employing a total of 148.

The plant was first recognized for its safe work environment in 1975. Due to the diligence of the employees, the plant has received 20 awards for safety including The Texas Aggregate and Concrete, National Safety Council, National Sand and Gravel Association, Holmes Safety Association, and the Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Association (MSHA).

Pioneer's Blue Roan Bend employees were awarded The Sentinels of Safety for a total of 101,494 employee hours in 1992 without a single lost-time injury. That is three times the minimum hours required and 20,000 more than their closest competition.

According to Clifford Hahne, Vice President of Pioneer Concrete of Texas, the high rate of overtime included in the 1992 hours made the

award even more meaningful. Pioneer Concrete of Texas is a subsidiary of Pioneer International Limited, a multinational construction material group based in Sidney, Australia. It has 878 employees in Texas.

Sunday, Sept. 29, an awards banquet and ceremony was held at the Eagle Lake Community Center to present the Sentinel of Safety trophy to the Blue Roan Bend employees.

Each individual employee received a certificate of achievement from the U.S. Dept. of Labor's MSHA. The trophy will remain with Pioneer until the next recipient is chosen. At that time a replica will be presented for permanent display.

At the banquet, Bob Jackson, Vice President, Human Resources, for American Mining Congress; Hahne, Jim Janak, Area Manager of South Texas Operations; and Gene Epps, Blue Roan Bend Plant Manager, distributed the awards. Ray Rucker, Safety Coordinator, South Texas Operations, served as emcee.

Also attending the banquet were MSHA Administrator of Metal and Non-metal Vernon Gomez from Arlington, Virginia; South Texas Region District Manager Raymond C. Austin and San Antonio Field Office Manager Doyle Fink.

Field Inspectors Jim Smiser, Ed

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NEWSBRIEFS

Senior citizens dance is Friday

The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus will sponsor a senior citizens dance Friday, Sept. 3, from 8 to 11 p.m. The music for dancing is by Zetka's Polka Band from El Campo and there is a \$4 per person cover charge. The public is invited to attend the dance at the KC Hall.

Last day for season tickets

Friday, Sept. 3, will be the last day to buy season tickets to the Rice High School varsity home football games. The price is \$15 for each set of tickets. There will be no reserved seats sold for individual games.

Museum Thrift Shop open

The Thrift Shop for the Prairie Edge Museum will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4. There are some especially good buys on clothing for preschool children.

County joins MDA telethon Monday

Colorado County residents may participate in the Labor Day telethon for Muscular Dystrophy Association at the Columbus City Hall Sept. 6 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is locally sponsored by the Catholic Daughters. They again ask for support of everyone in the county for "Jerry's Kids". Call 409-732-2366 Monday to make pledges or bring donations to city hall in person. Josephine Meisner and Tudy Gliether are in charge of the arrangements.

Congressional aide in Columbus.

Congressman Greg Laughlin will have an assistant at the Colorado County Courthouse on Tuesday, Sept. 7, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. to help residents with any problems or questions dealing with social security, veteran's benefits and federal government. No appointment is needed. For more information call the Victoria office at 512-576-1231.

Study club begins season

The Eagle Lake Study Club will hold its first meeting of the 1993-94 year Wednesday, Sept. 8, at 10 a.m. in the Winterman Library conference room. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. Ernest Mae Seaborn will speak on Texas pioneer and naturalist Gideon Linconum. Club dues for the year may be paid at the meeting.

CARE to meet

Medical anthropology is the topic of the Sept. 7 meeting of CARE. The monthly meeting is at 7 p.m. in the Wharton Civic Center with Janet Hutchison, PhD, as speaker. For information contact the Wharton EMS at 409-532-2491.

Closed for Labor Day

The offices of the Colorado County Courthouse will be closed Monday, Sept. 6, in honor of Labor Day. Regular hours will be resumed on Tuesday. The First National Bank of Eagle Lake will also be closed.

4-H Field and Stream Club to meet

The Colorado County 4-H Field and Stream Club will meet Sept. 2 at 7 p.m. in the county extension office, 316 Spring in Columbus. Archery, fishing, camping and other projects will be discussed. Anyone wanting to join the club is welcome to attend the meeting.

Ambulance corps offers CPR training

The Colorado County Ambulance Corps will offer a course in American Heart Association CPR in Columbus, Sept. 7, 8 and 9 at 6 p.m. in St. Paul Lutheran Hall. There will also be a class Sept. 13 at the Columbus EMS building. For information about the classes call Regina Mensik, EMT, 409-263-5251.

Championship tourney set

The Eagle Lake Recreation Center Golf Club will have its championship tournament on Sept. 11-12. For details contact Penny Henske at 234-5141 or the Pro Shop at 234-5981.

Sign up for Cub Scouts

Registration for Cub Scouts is set for 7 p.m. Sept. 14 at Eagle Lake Middle School cafeteria. Cub Scouts is open to first through fifth graders. For more information call 234-5832.

4-H archery project needs bows

The Colorado County 4-H Archery Project will begin Sept. 14 and meet weekly through Oct. 26. Participants will develop their shooting skills with the help of qualified coaches. The Shooting Sports program provides bows and arrows to those who do not have their own. They are in need of additional bows. Anyone who can donate a recurve or compound bow in good working condition is asked to call the county extension office at 409-732-2082.

UH-V seeks alumni

Anyone who graduated from the University of Houston-Victoria is wanted by the UH-V Alumni Association. The university wants to contact graduates to get their input for the ongoing evaluation process. Any graduates who did not receive an assessment survey should contact Carole Oliphant, 512-788-6212.

Loitering ordinance put to use

This past Friday and Saturday nights, every available officer from the Eagle Lake Police Department was out on the streets enforcing the new loitering ordinance which became effective with its publication in last week's Headlight.

Sgt. Clem Johnson, Officers Eric Hart, Jay Reeves and Jeff Argo, Reserve Officers Lape Hernandez and Lance Segler along with Colorado County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Bill Lattimore and Deputy Craig Peikert joined forces to make several arrests.

(All subjects arrested had been warned at an earlier time about the ordinance concerning loitering.)

On Friday night, Aug. 27:

Officer Hart arrested Donald Ray Spears on view for outstanding warrants. Spears had been standing across the street from Stevenson's Cafe.

Lonnie Ray Flowers was arrested for loitering outside Lou's Soul Food at A Street and Lake Ave.

Purtis Foster was arrested by Officer Reeves after he was observed loitering on Lake Ave. and B Street.

Beverly Hinds was also arrested by Reeves at the same location for the same offense.

Calvin Foster was arrested at the same location and offense by Officer Argo.

At 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, while on general patrol, Officer Reeves and

Reserve Officer Segler observed three subjects in the street at B and Second Streets. The three were advised to go home or they would be arrested.

When the officers checked the location ten minutes later, the three were still there. Two walked away as the officers drove up, but Michael Hearn remained. He was arrested for loitering. One of the two leaving the scene, Ricky Tolliver, stopped at the corner and began yelling obscenities at the officers. Tolliver was arrested for disorderly conduct and loitering.

At 10:30 p.m. Officer Hart and Reserve Officer Hernandez were advised by Sgt. Johnson of a subject

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9-1-1 almost ready

Saturday, Sept. 11, has been designated as the official Texas 9-1-1 Day, announced Carey Spence with the State Emergency Communications Advisory Council.

Festivities will be held in Austin on Friday, Sept. 10, to kick off the salute. Ten individuals from across the state have been selected for recognition and awards for their outstanding lifesaving 9-1-1 service.

Colorado County will soon have the same emergency assistance telephone system. The 9-1-1 system is now in the testing

stages here. County Commissioners hope to see the entire system go into operation about mid-Sept. if all the testing goes well.

The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) is overseeing the project for the county as well as for the other 10 counties in its area. All needed equipment is in place and H-GAC is in charge of the testing now.

County Judge H.O. Strunk said, "If all tests are successful and all the systems in the county work properly according to plan, Sept. 13 is the tentative date for a ribbon cutting for the 9-1-1 emergency system."

Americans salute rice industry in September

As September begins, Americans salute rice farmers and the entire U.S. rice industry. September officially became National Rice Month in 1991 when a joint declaration of the Congress and a presidential proclamation.

Throughout the month of celebration, the USA Rice Council aims to increase the public awareness of rice and its attributes, as well as its importance to the American economy.

Rice is extremely important to the United States for such reasons as:

- More than 90% of the rice consumed in the U.S. is grown domestically;
- U.S. rice farmers cultivated 3.1 million acres, yielding 17.9 billion pounds of rice last year;
- Rice is the fifth most valuable food crop in the U.S.;
- Rice, loaded with complex carbohydrates and free of cholesterol, fat and sodium, contains only 82 calories per half cup serving;

(See Rice month, Page 10)

City Council adds ordinances to books

By Lynda Appelt, Contributing Writer

A loitering ordinance was adopted by the Eagle Lake City Council at a meeting last week and approximately eight individuals were arrested and charged with violating the ordinance as of press time on Tuesday, according to Sgt. Clem Johnson of the Eagle Lake Police Department.

Officer Eric Hart, along with Officer Jeff Argo, made a request to the council concerning the passage of the ordinance and presented a petition containing signatures of the owners of